

## **Rebecca Leota Taylor Peterson**

### **1850-1950 Centennial Biography**

Leota was the fourth child of a family of eight. Her parents were Ebenezer William and Rebecca Southwick Taylor.

She began her school life In the old Thurman School building. When thirteen years of age she began singing in the choir, both ward and stake, many times giving solo parts. She also took part in Quartets, Trios, Duets, Mutual plays and dancing festivals. She was a Kindergarten teacher in Sunday School and Religious class and was first counselor in the Primary.

She was married to Virgil H. Peterson, September 3, 1919 in the Salt Lake Temple

In the Fifth Ward Relief Society, she served as chorister, also Theology, Literacy, and Social Science teacher; was a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, and lesson leader; has been president of the Fifth Ward choir since the organization, and was also secretary of the stake Choir for three years, On June 8, 1947, she was set apart as Relief Society President of the Fifth Ward.

When but fifteen, she began singing at funerals. This service she has willingly given, and as present has sung to over three hundred funerals.

She is the mother of six children: Vere, married Mary Sargent and filled a mission in California; Ruth, a business secretary, married George R. McMillan; Paul a farmer, married Doris Wadler.

Don is now filling a mission in Finland, being the first Finnish missionary from Lehi. Marna is a business secretary, and Lueen attends junior high school.